

SOCIEDAD PROTECTORA DE ANIMALES
DE SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE, A.C.



December 2020



Paws & Claws

HOPE, HEALTH, HOMES FOR CATS AND DOGS IN NEED

From the Director

Hard to believe, but the holiday season is upon us. Let's try to not let a pandemic impact our spirits. Instead, celebrate the fact that we're still here! Think positively. Be safe. Be smart. We're going to make it through this.

Helping animals is a meaningful way to celebrate the season. Please consider making a donation to the S.P.A.—as a present to yourself and to others. Say “Merry Christmas” or “Happy Chanukah” to friends and family and we'll let them know about your present to the S.P.A. in their honor. As our moto states, our goal is to provide hope, health, and homes for cats and dogs in need. Lift your spirits by joining us in that effort.

Our sweet (and not-so-sweet) cats and dogs need YOU. Snickers and Chrissie, highlighted on page 2 of this issue, could not have made it without your support. Remember that every penny/centavo you contribute will be used for the benefit of the cats and dogs sheltered at the S.P.A. who are waiting to become a part of loving families.

Thanks to anonymous donors, all new donations to the S.P.A. through the end of the year up to a total of \$2,500 USD will be matched! Please help us take full advantage of this generous offer to double contributions through December 31, 2020. For an instant donation through PayPal, click the “Donate” button below. Other methods for donating are described on page 3 of this issue.

We hope you are keeping your chin up and a smile on your face as we make it through the end of 2020 and the beginning of a much better 2021!

-Megan Gabel, General Director

Adoptions

	Dogs	Cats
November	0	6
YTD	43	56

Clinic/Office Hours:

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri: 9am - 3pm
Tue, Sat (**Discount Days**): 9am - 4pm

Adoptions, Visits, Volunteers:

Mon - Sat: 11am - 2pm

Los Pinos 7, Col. Lindavista
San Miguel de Allende,
GTO 37736 Mexico
Ph: 415-152-6124

U.S. Mailing Address:

S.P.A., PMB No. 18
220 N. Zapata Hwy. #11
Laredo, Texas 78043-4464 U.S.A.

Easy Links

Website: www.spasanmiguel.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel

Donate and support our fundraisers: www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers

(Donate-Sponsor a Casita-Become a Member-Remembrance Tree Leaf)

Dogs available for adoption: www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-dogs/

Cats available for adoption: www.spasanmiguel.org/adopt-me-cats/

Membership questions: MembershipSPA@gmail.com

Casita questions: SPACasita@gmail.com

Foster questions: SPAFosters@gmail.com

See what your donation dollars and pesos support: youtu.be/6grULRH6Sk

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Please Help the S.P.A. Save Cats and Dogs!

The Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende, A. C. is the only no-kill shelter for cats and dogs in San Miguel de Allende. We house an average of 100 unwanted and abandoned dogs and cats. Since 1980, we have provided food, shelter, and care for our resident animals with the goal of finding them permanent, loving homes. Our on-site clinic provides veterinary services for our animals and those belonging to the public. Without donations from our supporters, the S.P.A., a non-profit organization, could not exist.

In mid-March 2020, we spotted a small dog stretched out on top of an empty food bag in the field next to the S.P.A. When we talked to her from the sidewalk above, she wagged her tail. We worked our way down the hill to save her. Towel in hand for protection (just in case), we gently lifted her off the bag. She immediately snuggled, but was obviously wounded and in pain. We named her Snickers because of her caramel and milk chocolate brown coloring.



It turned out she had a broken knee which required complicated, expensive surgery. For weeks, she was bandaged and had to restrict her activity. Throughout the ordeal, she remained a very happy, friendly, affectionate dog, freely giving kisses. We all (cat and dog volunteers alike) fell in love with her and took turns spending time with her as she recuperated. This sweetheart was adopted in June.



Chrissie is a lucky girl in that her incident (accident or torture, we don't know) happened close to the S.P.A. Out for a walk, an S.P.A. dog alerted his walker to Chrissie's body in the weeds. The tiny, beautiful two-year-old black and white cat was alive, but badly injured. Her face was full of lacerations and one eye was hemorrhaged and slightly protracted. Her extensive injuries were treated and we hoped for the best. Fortunately, Chrissie survived and her eye was saved. Over time, her wounds healed. At first, she was mad at the world and very defensive and depressed. Weeks and months went by while our volunteers worked steadily with her. Her attitude improved so much that about one year later, a sweet and lucky Chrissie was adopted from the S.P.A.



These are just two examples of what we face every day, year round. Donations from supporters like you make it possible for us to help animals like Snickers and Chrissie. We have many tales of animals in need and how the S.P.A. comes to their rescue. Thanks to our hardworking volunteers and staff, we also have countless happy endings.

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Please Help the S.P.A. Save Cats and Dogs (continued)

You can help us help them by donating to the S.P.A.! Our major expenses are food, medications, vaccines and litter for our shelter animals; clinic medical supplies, lab costs, and equipment; facility maintenance; cleaning costs for our population of dogs and cats; office supplies and salaries for our small staff. We do not receive government assistance. It takes the ongoing support of our animal-loving donors to keep us in operation. The cost of caring for all of our animals and the beloved pets of our clients exceeds \$2.5 million pesos per year.

***All new donations to the S.P.A. through the end of the year
up to a total of \$2,500 USD will be MATCHED!***

We hope this will give you additional motivation to make as generous a gift as you can. Any amount you choose will help us continue our work and achieve our goals. All funds received will be used to benefit our animals. Please review the form below for details about how to donate. Thank you for becoming a part of our effort to provide a refuge for cats and dogs, regardless of how long it takes to find homes for them.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Country _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

PAY BY CHECK (enclose completed form with payment):

- Pay by Mexican or U.S. check to **Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende, A.C.** (the full name is required or the bank will not accept the check); or
- Pay by U.S. check to San Miguel Community Foundation (**for a U.S. tax receipt**) (mark for S.P.A.).

Your check may be dropped off:

- At the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7, Col. Lindavista, San Miguel de Allende (phone: 415-152-6124); or
- At any La Conexion location (mark envelope "S.P.A., PMB 18").

Or your check may be mailed to:

- ❖ Sociedad Protectora de Animales (S.P.A.), Los Pinos #7, Col. Lindavista, San Miguel de Allende, GTO, 37736, Mexico; or
- ❖ S.P.A., PMB No. 18, 220 N. Zapata Hwy. No. 11, Laredo, Texas 78043-4464 U.S.A..

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**CLICK HERE TO DONATE VIA PAYPAL INSTANTLY
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At www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel, the "Shop Now" button is just below the banner at the top.

At www.spasanmiguel.org, click the "Donate" button at the top of any page. Click "Donate with PayPal" and login to PayPal to complete the donation. You may also choose to donate using a debit or credit card; then follow the directions to create a PayPal account.

BY CASH: Please bring cash donations to the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7. For directions, call 415-152-6124.

THANK YOU!

November Adoptions

November dog adoptions: No dog adoptions

November cat adoptions: Harry, Berilo, Jaspe, Ambar, Duchess, Zafiro



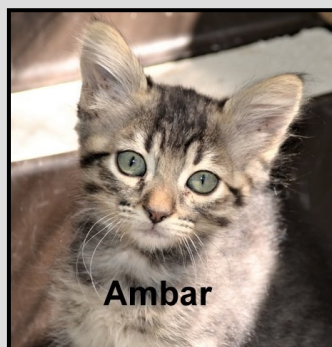
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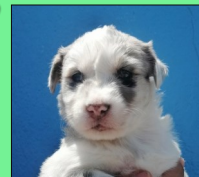


Zafiro



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[2020 Cat Adoptions](#)

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December Pets of the Month

By Megan Gabel and Jayn Corral

Rocky, a large, gentle boy, is a sweet, affectionate, gorgeous Malinois mix. He welcomes being petted and really enjoys going for a walk, kissing the S.P.A. dogs he encounters outside. When it's his turn and he sees you coming with leash in hand, he stands on his rear legs and rolls his front legs in the air in excitement. Small/medium-sized, Rex is a very happy, friendly, playful dog. He likes chasing a tennis ball and is enthusiastic about everything! Both boys are about 2-1/2 years old.



A beautiful tortoise girl, Chloe loves to sit on laps and watch the puppies play. Oreo enjoys his quiet time with a few breaks to play with the others and their toys. Both about 7 months old, they get along well with people and other cats and kittens. They each have calm, comfortable personalities.



Adopt any of these Pets of the Month during December and receive a free adoption kit. Preview all our animals at www.spasanmiguel.org (Adopt Me pages) and meet them at the S.P.A., Los Pinos #7, Monday-Saturday between 11 and 2, 415-152-6124.

Robin – A Tale of Love and Trust

By Jayn Corral

I have been fostering cats and kittens and volunteering at shelters for over ten years. While each cat and kitten is a precious life, some win over my heart more than others. I felt a special bond with Robin. This is a tale of love and trust.

Brother, Batman, and sister, Robin, grew up together for the first three plus years of their lives. Except for the fact that both are tuxedo black and white cats, you would never know that they are related.

They made their way to the S.P.A. in late September 2020. They are so different that I still cannot figure out if they came from a troubled situation or a good home.



Batman, a huge teddy bear of a cat, took over his area of the S.P.A. as the diplomat, peacemaker, confidant, and best friend to all of the cats and kittens. Watching him groom our youngest three-month old kitten is a sight that I will never get out of my mind. A big lug with a gracious, soulful personality, he did his job of making this a much better, more joyful world. It was only a few days before Batman was adopted and living happily ever after.

His sister, Robin, on the other hand, came to us fearful and downright mean. She cowered in the corner, hissed at anything that came near her, and swatted at all comers with her claws out, intent on doing damage. Her eyes remained dilated in fear for weeks. Somewhere in her past she suffered a badly broken tail that was never treated. Her tail looks like a check mark.

Every day I would talk to her in her hideaway. I would leave treats for her. After many days, she stopped hissing at me and her swats were with retracted claws. Gradually she began to trust me and allow me to pet her. Every day we made progress and became friends.

Now, she rolls over and lets me pet her belly, paws, head, and neck. When it is time for me leave, she gently reaches out with both front paws and draws my hand back to her as if to ask for more time together.

Robin still has a long way to go. I look forward to the day when she will sit on my lap or let me hold her. For now, she is in a safe, loving place where she is welcome for as long as it takes for her to be comfortable and hopefully find her new family.



We have other cats who are ready for a home now, like Bob and Onyx. The S.P.A.'s adoption hours are 11-2, Monday-Saturday, Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124. Only one person may enter the S.P.A. for an adoption interview – mask and social distancing required.



The S.P.A.'s Clinic Is a Great Choice for Your Veterinary Needs!

By Megan Gabel

The S.P.A.'s on-site clinic and our full-time veterinarian, Dr. Omar Córdova, (shown here with Georgina, the dog, and Duchess, the cat), offer lower-cost, high-quality health care for your pets. We are able to meet your pet's needs, from conducting routine exams and providing vaccinations to diagnosing and treating medical issues with your pet, taking x-rays and other tests as needed, performing sterilizations, teeth cleanings, and other surgeries. We also offer packages to reduce the cost of vaccinations and sterilization so all owners can fulfill their responsibilities to take good care of their pets.

At the S.P.A., our cat adoption fee (600 pesos) includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, deworming, and the feline leukemia vaccine and booster. For dogs, the fee (600 pesos) includes sterilization, all current vaccinations, deworming, the leptospirosis booster, and enrollment in the Green Paw Pet Registration Program. Because we want to give pet owners the same opportunity to fully protect their animals, we offer packages for these services at a reduced price. Three packages are available at the S.P.A.: (1) Complete Puppy Package, (2) Complete Kitten Package, and (3) Adult Dog Package. All packages require full payment in advance and expire one year from the payment date. Details about our packages are available on our website on this page: <https://www.spasanmiguel.org/clinic-services> Each package is available in a downloadable pdf format in Spanish and English.

In addition, we offer more ways for you to save money. Tuesdays and Saturdays are discount days at the S.P.A. with lower prices than on other days for consultations and most vaccinations. Our clinic hours are extended from 9-4 on those days and are 9-3, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. We also give a discount on sterilizations when an S.P.A. pet is adopted and an unsterilized pet is at home. Within two months from the date of adoption, the discount will be given – no limit on the number of pets sterilized and it doesn't matter if you adopt a cat and have an unsterilized dog at home or vice versa or both – the appropriate discount applies.

Please come to the S.P.A., Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124 and arrange for the right package to protect your pet! We hope you take advantage of the other savings we offer.





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Waiving or reducing the normal fee for delivery service available through MacDonald Services (www.macdonald-services.com/) is a HUGE benefit to the S.P.A.!

We appreciate Ross's help and support!

Did you know that:

-the S.P.A. has been around since 1980 and is the only no-kill shelter for cats and dogs in San Miguel?

-we house an average of 100 animals (cats and dogs), providing food, vet care (including vaccinations and sterilization), and shelter for them until they are adopted?

-the S.P.A.'s clinic is a community clinic, open to the public?

-the S.P.A. relies SOLELY on donations to survive—we receive no government support?

Please consider helping us by becoming a member of the S.P.A., sponsoring a casita, and supporting other S.P.A. fundraisers. Our website details our fundraisers here: www.spasanmiguel.org/fundraisers and itemizes how to donate by PayPal, check, or cash. Call us if you have questions: 415-152-6124. Thank you!

Every dollar and peso you donate helps the S.P.A. survive.

The Poetry of a Puppy Basket





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Los Pinos 7, 415-152-6124

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By appointment is best.

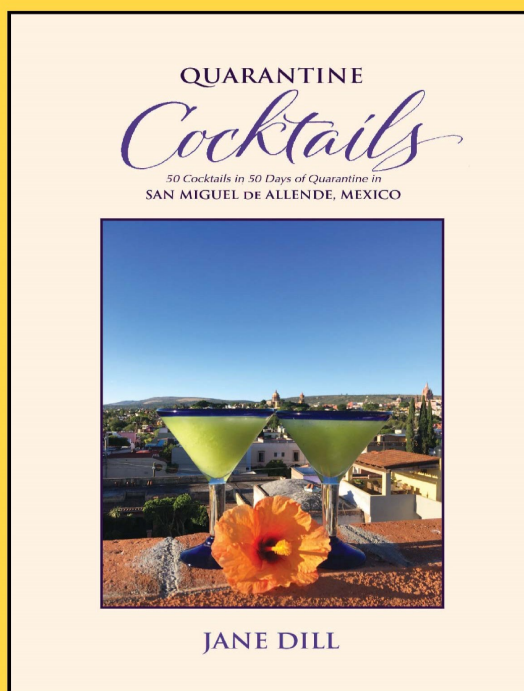
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The S.P.A.'s clinic is open! The S.P.A. can meet your pet's needs, from routine preventative care to diagnosis and treatment of problems to surgical procedures and more. We have a well-equipped clinic and offer packages to help you save on vaccinations and sterilization. Under the current circumstances, we prefer that no one enters the clinic other than S.P.A. personnel. If critical, only 1 person may enter the S.P.A. with his animal and that person must wear a mask and stay 6 feet (2 meters) away from S.P.A. personnel. Thank you for your consideration in following these rules.

Please call 415-152-6124 for an appointment with our vet, Dr. Omar Córdova.

NOW ON SALE! QUARANTINE COCKTAILS

*50 Cocktails in 50 Days of Quarantine in
SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE, MEXICO*



JANE DILL, the S.P.A.'s volunteer calligrapher for the Remembrance Tree (for 8 years) has written a book! **QUARANTINE COCKTAILS** is a collection of 50 cocktails and "mocktails" developed during the lockdown last spring and posted nightly on Facebook. It's "Quarantine Mixology", improvising and having fun with whatever ingredients you have on hand. Also makes a great gift! Available in SMA at the Galería San Francisco at the Fabrica la Aurora.

ORDER HERE for SMA or Amazon/US:
www.janedill.com/cocktails

The Remembrance Tree exists in a prominent position, right at the inside entrance to the S.P.A. It is a permanent, beautiful, and impressive eight-foot copper-colored structure with branches containing leaves for honoring a departed pet.

Volunteer **Jane Dill** of Jane Dill Design (www.janedill.com) (thank you, Jane!) inscribes on a leaf the pet's name, the owner's name, and a personal message, if desired. The one-time cost of each permanent leaf is \$100 US (or peso equivalent).

To purchase a leaf or learn more, please email: SPARemembranceTree@gmail.com



Sponsor a Kitty or Doggy Casita.

Your generous support will help with the enormous cost of care, food and shelter for our approximately 100 resident cats and dogs waiting for their forever homes.

Only \$30 a month* for one year, or about \$1 a day.



For information on monthly or annual payment options, send us an email at SPACasita@gmail.com
Questions? Call the S.P.A. office: 415-152-6124

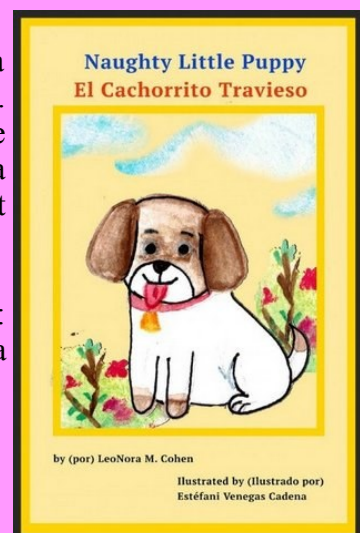
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Royalties from Children's Book Will Be Donated to the S.P.A.!

Naughty Little Puppy (El Cachorrillo Travieso) by Leonora M. Cohen is a bilingual, charming story about what it means to have a puppy as a pet. Suitable for 5-10 year olds, the story is beautifully illustrated and can be sung to the old folk tune, "Down by the Station Early in the Morning." In a subtle and delightful way, it teaches children how to be responsible pet owners.

To learn more about the book and purchase one (or more), click here: http://leonoracohenbooks.webstarts.com/naughty_little_puppy.html - a great gift for any child who dreams of having a puppy.

The author has generously agreed to donate all royalties from sales to the S.P.A.



Preferred Providers

Our Preferred Providers offer a range of goods and services at a discount to S.P.A. members. Just show your current S.P.A. membership card at the time of purchase to receive the discounts specified below. Please patronize our Preferred Providers as a way of thanking them for their support of the S.P.A.

VETERINARIANS

MVZ RICARDO LOPEZ LANDEROS - Rio Grijalva No. 10 - Nuevo Mexiquito - Ph. 415-152 6977
Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-2pm; 4pm-7pm Saturday 9am-2pm
Consultations - 10%, X-Rays - 10%, Regular Teeth Cleaning - 10%, Vaccinations - 10%

MVZ EDGARDO R. VAZQUEZ OLMOS - Plaza Primavera #16 on Salida a Queretaro - Ph. 415-152 6273
Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-2pm; Saturday 9am-12 noon.
Consultations - 10%

MVZ MICHAEL KRONISH - Salida a Celaya #57 - Ph. 415-185-8185; 415-109-9957
Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-6.30pm; Saturday 9am-2pm.
Consultations - 10%, Routine Vaccinations - 5%, Spaying/Neutering - 5%

MVZ ALMA RUTH MIRANDA - Stirling Dickinson #27 - Ph. 415-152-2341
Hours: Monday-Saturday 9am-6pm
General Surgery - 10%, X-Rays & Ultrasounds 10%, Hospitalization - 10%, Medications - 10%,
Vaccinations - 10%

RETAILERS AND GROOMERS

EL DESPACHO - Las Moras #13 - Colonia Guadiana - Ph. 415-154-7195
Hours: Monday-Saturday 9am-3pm; 5pm-8pm
Food - 5-10%

DUSTY PUPPIES - Guadiana #17A - Colonia Guadiana - Ph. 415-154- 4555.
Hours: Monday-Friday 10am-6pm
Diamond Naturals - Dog/Cat Food - 10%, Regular Teeth Cleaning - 20%, SPA Bath Only - No Clipping -
By Appointment - 10%, Pet Supplies - 10%

Being able to take advantage of our Preferred Providers program is just one benefit of becoming a member of the S.P.A. Members receive a 10% discount off the S.P.A. vet consultation fee every day.

If you are a member or join at the time you adopt, you will receive 10% off of the adoption fee (600 pesos). Please JOIN US! Individual memberships are \$40 US/500 pesos and family memberships (2 person limit) are \$50/600 pesos.

Join online here www.spasanmiguel.org/members/ (via PayPal) or in our office.

Please email MembershipSPA@gmail.com if you have questions.

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PLEASE

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Beautiful Crafts / S.P.A. T-shirts & Caps

Click [HERE](#) to see the Catalogue of Jayn's Crafts AND learn how to place an order for local delivery or pickup (NEW!!). Some examples are shown below. See the catalogue for more!



S.P.A. T-shirts & Caps

Pick up one for yourself, a family member, and as a terrific present!



(Front)



(Back)

Unisex T-shirts: white or black (youth, S, M, L, and XL). This style is perfect for both cat and dog lovers and a meaningful souvenir of San Miguel de Allende!

Women's T-shirts: red, white, or black (S, M, L, and XL).

Men's T-shirts: white or black (M, L, XL, and XXL).



All T-shirts: donation of 200 pesos each.

Caps: red, black or khaki (donation of 150 pesos each).



Rewarding Memberships

We are grateful for your support of the S.P.A. and our animals. We know that many of you are similarly grateful for the four-legged friends in your lives, especially now. As Alfred Montapert said: "Animals are reliable, many full of love, true in their affections, predictable in their actions, grateful and loyal. Difficult standards for people to live up to." In these trying times, it behooves those of us in the human race to try.

We thank **John Piccolo** and **Cecilia Almes** (family), and **Susan Zafer** (individual) for renewing their memberships. We also want to welcome our newest member, **Lisa Ralls** (individual). Members are very important to the S.P.A.

You can join or renew online via PayPal through our website [HERE](#), in our office (by cash or check), or via other methods (see same website page). Please email MembershipSPA@gmail.com if you have questions. We accept checks for membership dues as follows: (1) by check (**U.S. or Mexican**) to **Sociedad Protectora de Animales de San Miguel de Allende, A.C.** (full name required by bank); or (2) by U.S. check to San Miguel Community Foundation (*for a U.S. tax receipt*) (mark for S.P.A.). Your membership dues (\$40/500 pesos-individual, \$50/600 pesos-family [2 members]) will help the S.P.A. continue its wonderful work caring for many of the unwanted cats and dogs of San Miguel while they wait for their forever homes.

-Randy

Learn About Us and Our Cats and Dogs

***The S.P.A. is open for adoptions as long as certain precautions are followed. If you come to the S.P.A. with family or friends, only one person will be allowed to enter the S.P.A. to be interviewed for an adoption of a cat or dog. That person must wear a mask and stay at least 6 feet (2 meters) away from S.P.A. personnel. Adoption hours are Monday-Saturday, 11-2.**

***Check our website:** www.spasanmiguel.org for our available cats and dogs (photos, biographies, and videos) ("Adopt Me" pages) and to learn about us and how you can help. Please remember that adopting a shelter animal saves two lives—the one that is adopted and the one we now have room to take in.

***Follow us on Facebook** at www.facebook.com/spasanmiguel, stay up to date, and see our happy albums of success stories—those S.P.A. animals now in forever homes.

EDITOR: Harry Burrus

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